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THE SECRETARY

I understand that the attached memorandum reflects a recommendation to the President at a meeting in which Messrs. Ball, Johnson and Rostow participated today.

William H. Brubeck

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1. That the Department of Defense intercept, trail, and photograph, but not interfere with, such vessels. The object is to record the fact of their turnaround and, to the extent possible, the character of their cargo.

With respect to Group B, it is recommended that:

1. They be stopped and searched in accordance with the Proclamation;
2. That the order of search be determined by the order of operational availability to our forces;
3. Should a vessel refuse to comply with orders to stop, we should proceed to execute the terms of the Proclamation with special attention to the minimum use of force, given the likelihood that their cargoes will prove innocent.

It is recommended that a Department of Defense spokesman announce that:

1. Some of the Bloc vessels proceeding towards Cuba appear to have altered course;
2. No intercepts have yet been necessary;
3. Other vessels are proceeding towards Cuba and will be intercepted in accordance with the Proclamation.

On a background basis, it will be explained that those vessels which altered course were those we had reason to believe contained offensive weapons; but that inspection of other vessels is required, now and in

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